provide financing for first-time

partnerships across the state,

income totaling over \$205

## Homeownership

Each year, THDA administers its various mortgage programs statewide to homebuyers with low to moderate income. In 2004, through our many THDA had the privilege of helping 2,244 families with low to moderate million.

THDA has three mortgage programs: Great Rate (4.99%), which provides income families with a rate slightly lower than the conventional market rate; (5.99%), which provides low income borrowers a 4% down payment rate; and New Start (0%), which is available to nonprofit a higher

(currently we have 31 organizations participating) to help

50% of median.

Last year,

families in interest. the ability to able to

We have enhance the 2005. This plan partnerships, while **Estate Commission** count as four hours requirements. In we will contact encourage for their estate firms their

in

THDA partnered with 31 nonprofit

organizations participating to provide lowpurchasing a newly constructed home at

Over \$6.9 million in funding has provided purchase a new home. These families would purchase a home without the New Start Program.

developed a comprehensive plan called "Operation Homeownership" to delivery of our single family mortgage program to reach more families in

calls for expansion and improvement of current initiatives and also implementing new has approved THDA's credit toward their our efforts to reach out additional Real Estate them to allow THDA to provide members. Also, we will encourage to allow THDA to make presentations at scheduled sales meetings. We will increase lender training across the state to include at least 3-5 regional sessions for all lenders

underserved individuals

potential new lenders. We will be expanding lender visits on a monthly basis with existing lenders. These visits will include Homeownership staff meeting their counterparts to discuss day-to-day issues

each region. This would include existing as well as

that might affect the lender and their ability to originate THDA loans. THDA will be taking more active role in local and statewide activities of the Tennessee Mortgage Association and Realtor Events. We will work with established partners,

dream of homeownership.

A critical part of our plan is to increase public dispel old myths and overcome perceived developed a lender survey has been e-mailed plan to develop a newsletter to be sent via our hope to expand our database to officials. We plan to develop a to reward top lenders and Production.

across the state to increase opportunities for

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Obviously the success maintaining productive awareness about THDA's mortgage programs and to barriers that exist with our many partners. We have to all existing lenders asking for feedback. We e-mail to all existing lenders and their staff. It is include realtors, city officials, and county Lender and Realtor recognition program realtors in terms of THDA Loan

of our mortgage programs depends on our and successful partnerships with financial institutions

and mortgage bankers. The Real Estate Professionals throughout the state are vital to the success of our mortgage programs. THDA is proud to work with all of our partners to make the dream of homeownership a reality for thousands of first-time homebuyers in Tennessee each year.

low to moderate **Great Start** assistance with organizations

income zero percent 150 families not have been

Boards to

training

real

families at

initiatives. The Tennessee Real realtor training program to continuing education across the state,

**Bankers** including non-profits, and families to reach the